



Chairman's Report 2026

Once again the HVCA has been very busy in the past year.

Following the AGM in May our first event was the Victory Safari Supper held on 7th June with 63 guests dressing 1940's style, visiting, 6 starter hosts, 6 main course hosts & 4 pudding hosts all around the Village and then gathering back at the Parish hall for some dancing. Many thanks to Amanda Apps and the organising team, along with all the hosts for great Village event. We made a profit of £473

Village Fete was held on 14th June and organised by the PTA, All Saints Church & HVCA with £3965 being raised and split 40/30/30 respectively, with HVCA receiving £1189. HVCA organised the BBQ, Pimm's & lemonade and the bar.

The first HVCA Film Club was organised by Neil Jordon on Saturday 4th October with 32 guests watching 'A Good Year' we provided a paid bar and snacks and made a £20.10 profit.

Hursley 10k, 5k and fun run was back after a 5 year break, this was organised by Laura Beavis & Charlie Hoskins from the PTA, with support from Richard Baker and HVCA, this was held on Sunday 12th October with thanks to Fin & Diana O'Sullivan of Home Farm who allowed us access to their Estate, with support from IBM & John Keble School. Entries were 243 for the 10k, 65 for the 5k and 57 kids completing the fun run, this was great success, with help coming from the Village and beyond, we raised a total of £3050.

A donation of £2551 was made to the PTA with funds going towards an all-weather running track at the School.

Bonfire & Fireworks on Saturday 1st November was another great community event, Finnish Log Candles lit the way into the recreation ground, many thanks to the Kings Head for providing a bar and BBQ. Chris Rowden and I set off the 'free' firework display.

The generosity of the community raised £195 and the Kings Head donated £250 which was really appreciated and will go towards next year's event.

Village Carol Singing took place on Friday 21st December around the Village, many thanks to all who supported the evening, we collected a total of £191.11 for Winchester Beacon.

The HVCA Film Club 2nd film on Saturday 24th January with 40 guests watching 'The Hundred Foot Journey' and made a £63.08 profit.

Sloe Gin Competition was held on Sunday 1st March. We received 23 entries, many thanks to The Kings Head for hosting and our 3 judges Chris Rowden, Charles Lister & Jonathan Whild from Seahorse Distillery on IOW. 1st Mary Martin, 2nd Chris Bontoft & 3rd Amanda Apps

On 19th March we launched our own website www.hvca-home.org which gives information about HVCA, the Village, our events, a link to Hursley flickr (photos of past events) and information about our community shop & post office. A huge thank you to Neil Jordon who built, designed and manages the site.

In late March we held the HVCA Newcomers Lunch and welcomed 7 new villagers for a drink, cottage pie and pudding. A huge thank you to Zoie Jordon and the team for making a delicious lunch, this was well supported by (22) regular faces from the Village.

The HVCA Film Club 3rd film on Saturday 24th April with 14 guests watching 'Ella McCay' and unfortunately made a small loss of £22.60, but it's not about making a profit, it's about getting the community together.

A huge thank you to Martin Patterson for replenishing the compost and planting new flowers with a red, white & blue theme, either side of the war memorial. HVCA has paid for the compost and plants.

We continue to cut the grass in the Churchyard and the HPC owned grass in Meredun Close, many thanks to Michael Arthur for doing this.

On the 24th May a group of enthusiastic cyclists from the village of Hursley and beyond rode a variety of road and off road routes of various distances to raise money for Winchester Hospice and Bowel Cancer UK.

All 43 riders got back safely from their different routes and celebrated together, a huge thank you to The Kings Head for putting on a BBQ and drinks to quench our thirsts with 20% of the bar takings going to our charities.

Donations to date are Winchester Hospice £7,224 and Bowel Cancer UK. £2,461 plus gift aid

Dates for the diary: Saturday 20th June – Hursley Village Fete, organised by JK PTA, HVCA & All Saints Church
Saturday 3rd October – Safari Supper

Richard Baker – HVCA Chairman